

## Module Specification

**Module Title:** Specialist Group Study Performance/Composition 1 (Songwriting)

<b>Module code:</b>	HBAMSW002	<b>NQF level:</b>	Level 4
<b>Credit value:</b>	30 credits	<b>Semester of study:</b>	1 and 2
<b>Module type:</b>	Compulsory	<b>Pre-requisites:</b>	None
<b>Available to:</b>	BA (Hons) Music (Songwriting)		

### Module overview

Students will develop their knowledge and ability in song arranging and part writing in two primary contexts. Half of the module will be delivered in a live rehearsal environment where students will work in groups to realise their songs and to develop their collaborative skillsets. In these sessions, students will explore a range of styles and approaches under the direction of tutors and/or peers. The other half of the module will be delivered in a Mac Lab environment where students will work with industry standard DAW software, and under the guidance of a tutor, will develop the skills required to realise their songs in demo format. Focus will be placed on track building, software instruments, editing and track management.

### Aims

This collaborative module will develop a secure foundation in ensemble performance, composition and arrangement. In this module, issues of style and repertoire will be discussed and taught, alongside a developing awareness of rehearsal etiquette and good practice where appropriate. Reflection and evaluation of the performance, composition and/or arrangement, the process and students' contribution to the ensemble are important elements of the module. This module will also be undertaken by composers on the Classical, Jazz, Folk and Songwriting pathways, who will work collaboratively with performers in the ensemble to compose and/or arrange for group ensembles. Differences in genre are understood and popular and folk music students will be assessed through ensemble performance.

The module aims to:

1. Develop a secure foundation in ensemble performance and/or composition and/or arrangement.
2. Develop an awareness of style, repertoire, good practice, and rehearsal etiquette (where appropriate).
3. Evaluate and reflect on the performance and/or composition, the process and students' contribution.

### Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Apply relevant instrumental/vocal/musicianship and/or compositional skills within an ensemble to an appropriate level.
2. Perform original material and/or works drawn from the repertoire as appropriate or, arrange and/or compose original material.
3. Apply appropriate skills and knowledge including e.g. relevant reading and notation skills, pertinent DAW practices, the understanding of appropriate musical vocabulary and stylistic conventions.
4. Evidence individual and group responsibility, through participation in rehearsal observing etiquette and techniques, in order to evidence contribution to group work through assignment-specific contribution targets.

### Learning and teaching methods

The module will be delivered through **small/medium musical ensembles/groups** as appropriate to the specialist pathway. The groups will be tutor led but will encourage students to develop autonomous musical leadership and

rehearsal and composition/arrangement techniques. The tutor(s) will support the collaborative process between performance and composition students to help develop the ensemble's repertoire and ensemble skills.

#### Contact hours and directed study (over semesters 1 and 2)

Delivery type	Student hours
Indicative hours for learning and teaching activities	30 hours
Indicative hours of directed study	270 hours
Total hours (100hrs per 10 credits)	300 hours

#### Opportunities for formative feedback

Students will receive regular formative assessment through weekly workshops.

#### Assessment Method

Description of assessment	Length/Duration	Weighting	Module LOs addressed
Portfolio of Composition	2 tracks no longer than 7 minutes in total	50%	1, 2, 3, 4**
Portfolio of Composition	2 tracks no longer than 7 minutes in total	50%	1**, 2, 3, 4**

#### Re-Assessment Method\*

Description of assessment	Length/Duration	Weighting	Module LOs addressed
Portfolio of Composition	2 tracks no longer than 7 minutes in total	50%	1, 2, 3, 4**
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\*May be assessed by video submission where appropriate

\*\*Learning outcome 4 is not applicable to Assignment 1, and Learning outcomes 1 and 4 are not applicable to Assignment 2 of the Songwriting pathway. Songwriting students will meet learning outcome 1 in SA1 of the module.

#### Indicative Reading List

- Where appropriate indicative repertoire and reading/listening per specialism will be provided by the tutor.